





The Tongue of the Ocean DEEP-BLUE BRANCH of the Atlantic basin cuts into the azure Bahama Bank, photographed from 105 miles above by Apollo 9 astronauts orbiting the earth. Near southern Andros at left, the Tongue of the Ocean, partly obscured by clouds,

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rim. Seventy miles north, the Wall slopes steeply 6,000 feet to the channel floor (next page). Openings along the Wall may admit sea water later disgorged from blue holes, which could explain why the output of the holes appears to exceed intake.